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Official meetings

Monday, 30 July 2012

Security Council

3 p.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room GA-1SC-02

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Other matters

Generai Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the modalities of a World Conference on Indigenous Peoples on *Monday, 30 July 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Security Council

Ambassador Néstor Osorio (Colombia), President of the Security Council for the month of July 2012, wishes to invite all Member States to an informal meeting to share their views on the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, to be held on *Monday, 30 July 2012*, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system will hold an informal hearing with civil society, on Tuesday, 31 July 2012, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The forum is open to all Member States and observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Tuesday, 31 July 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB), to hear briefings by the Secretary-General, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico and Mexican Sherpa to the G-20 and the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Indonesia), on the outcomes of the Los Cabos Summit and on the plans for the immediate future of the Group's work. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 July 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are invited to attend at the ambassadorial level.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

General debate
(25–28 September and 1 October 2012)

The provisional list of speakers No. 1 for the general debate of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms IN-613 and NLB-1033). The list of speakers has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit statement by each delegation. In order to help the speakers to follow with the time for their statement, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum.

Delegations may wish to inform their capital on this procedure.

Programme of work and agenda

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/150, and annotations can be found in document A/67/100. A draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-seventh session is contained in document A/66/861, Section II.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Seating protocol

On Friday, 8 June 2012, the Secretary-General drew from among the Member States the name of Jamaica to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the sixty-seventh session. Consequently, the delegation of Jamaica will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	257th meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirtieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-seventh session

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2 (NLB)
	Opening of the session	[1]
	Adoption of the agenda (GEGN/27/1 and GEGN/27/10)	[2]
	Report of the working groups	[3]
3–6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2 (NLB)
	Report of the working groups *(continued)*	[3]
	Reports of the liaison officers	[4]
	Organizational matters concerning the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/CONF.101/1, E/CONF.101/INF.3 and GEGN/27/9)	[5]

Review of the statute of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (GEGN/27/3) . . . . . [6]

Other business . . . . . [11]

[To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the twenty-seventh session of the Group of Experts, please *click here*.]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Pre-sessional Working Group
Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

Working Group
Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations, convened by the Chair of the Working Group of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, Ms. Alison Chartres (Australia), to continue consideration of the draft resolution before the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee, will take place on *Monday, 30 July 2012*, and on Tuesday, 31 July, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB); and on Wednesday, 1 August, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp>.

Monday, 30 July 2012

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

12.40 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General (on his recent overseas trips)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 344th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 1 August 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the regional architecture on Wednesday, 1 August 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Fifth session

The Secretary-General has the honour to inform Member States that the fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place at United Nations Headquarters from Wednesday, 12, to Friday, 14 September 2012.

For further information concerning the Conference of States Parties, please contact Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mails zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=46&pid=1595>.

Economic and Social Council

Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

The Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names will take place from Tuesday, 31 July, to Thursday, 9 August 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the Conference is contained in document E/CONF.101/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members States and observers wishing to participate in the Conference are kindly requested to submit the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Conference, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, or to the Deputy Secretary, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)); with a copy to the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1641A; fax 1 (212) 963-9851). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

An informal consultation on matters to be taken at the second regular session of the Board, will be held on Thursday, 30 August 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, followed by another informal consultation on draft decisions to be taken at the session, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Second regular session 2012

The second regular session 2012 of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 4, to Monday, 10 September 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session will be issued in document DP/2012/L.3. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634). Delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene, *no later than Wednesday, 29 August 2012*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 31 July 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 10 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 1 August 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (formal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level) (for members and observers)

Wednesday, 1 August 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (co-organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples)

Thursday, 9 August 2012, from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For details on the programme and for registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Nilla Bernardi, DESA (e-mail bernardi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8379).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 16 August 2012.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon).

Tuesday, 28 August 2012.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (from 11 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 30 August 2012.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 26 July 2012

General Assembly

United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

15th meeting

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, the Czech Republic, Austria, Cyprus, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Uruguay (on behalf of the Bahamas, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay), Uruguay, the Netherlands, Morocco, Japan, Argentina, Greece, Iceland, Hungary, Portugal, Botswana, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mexico, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Armenia, Germany, Belarus, Estonia, Singapore, Belgium, Guatemala, Israel, India and the United Kingdom, as well as by the observer of the European Union.

The President of the Conference made a further statement.

Friday, 27 July 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

123rd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. John Evans Atta Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana

The President, on behalf of the General Assembly, conveyed his deepest condolences to the Government and the people of Ghana and to the bereaved family of His Excellency Mr. John Evans Atta Mills.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the African States), Timor-Leste (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Bosnia and Herzegovina (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and Ghana.

Sustainable Development: draft resolution (A/66/L.56) [19]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 19.

The President made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/66/L.56.

The representative of France made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.56 (resolution 66/288).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Nauru (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, New Zealand, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan and the United States.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.

General Assembly

United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

16th meeting

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Bulgaria, China, the United States, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Slovakia, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Uganda, Belize, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Arab Emirates, Benin, Ecuador, Nigeria, Djibouti, Malawi, Bangladesh, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Liberia, Cuba and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Conference heard reports from the facilitators of the informal consultations, the representatives of Sweden, Uruguay, New Zealand, Finland, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico and the Netherlands, appointed by the President of the Conference to negotiate certain elements of the draft treaty.

The President of the Conference made a further statement.

17th meeting

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Report of the Credentials Committee

The President drew attention of the Conference to the report of the Credentials Committee contained in document A/CONF.217/3.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/CONF.217/3), which had examined the credentials of the representatives of Member States to the Conference and found them to be in order.

Statements were made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the observer of the Holy See.

Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly

The President introduced the report of the Conference contained in document A/CONF.217/CRP.2.

The Conference adopted the report by consensus.

The President of the Conference made a further statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of 72 Member States), Nigeria (in his national capacity and also on behalf of the Group of African States), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the 14 member States of the Caribbean Community), Brazil, Spain, Côte d'Ivoire (also on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States), Algeria, Peru, France, China, Morocco, Germany, Mali, India, the United Kingdom, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Russian Federation.

The President of the Conference made a concluding statement.

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2012

General segment

48th meeting

Coordination, programme and other questions: Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system . . . . . [7 (d)]

Economic and environmental questions: Women and development . . . . . [13 (k)]

Social and human rights questions: Advancement of women . . . . . [14 (a)]

The Council began its joint consideration of the sub-items.

On the invitation of the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), the Council heard a statement by the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Council then began its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, El Salvador, Ukraine, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Ecuador, the United States, Chile, Belarus, Switzerland, Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Argentina and Japan, as well as by the observers for Cyprus (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), as well as by the observers for the Czech Republic and Israel.

The Council thus concluded its general discussion of sub-items 7 (d), 13 (k) and 14 (a).

Coordination, programme and other questions: Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system . . . . . [7 (d)]

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.8

The Council had before it the draft resolution (E/2012/L.8), submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 7 (d).

Social and human rights questions: Advancement of women [14 (a)]

Action on recommendations contained in document E/2012/27 (Supp. No. 7)

Draft decision contained in chapter I, section A

The Council adopted the draft decision.

A statement was made by the representative of Burkina Faso.

Draft resolution contained in chapter I, section B

The Council adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 30 to two, with 18 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Canada.

A statement was made by the observer for Israel.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Draft decision contained in chapter I, section C

The Secretary read out a correction to the report as contained in document E/2012/27.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

A statement was made by the Russian Federation.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 7 (d), 13 (k) and 14 (a).

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 [6 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions E/2012/L.12 and E/2012/L.29

The Council had before it a draft resolution E/2012/L.29, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution E/2012/L.12.

The Council was informed that draft resolution E/2012/L.29 contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted draft resolution E/2012/L.29.

In light of the adoption of the draft resolution, draft resolution E/2012/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the observer for Nepal, on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries.

Coordination, programme and other questions [7]

(f) African countries emerging from conflict

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.28

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Vice-President (Mexico), the Council took note of the reports contained in documents E/2012/67 and A/67/16, under item 7 (a).

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7, as a whole.

Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

(d) Human settlements

Action on draft resolutions E/2012/L.13 and E/2012/L.33

The Council had before it a draft resolution E/2012/L.33, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution E/2012/L.13.

The Council adopted the draft resolution E/2012/L.33.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution E/2012/L.33, draft resolution E/2012/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(g) Public Administration and development

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.23

The Council had before it a draft resolution E/2012/L.23, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.27

The Council had before it a draft resolution E/2012/L.27, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico).

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

Human rights . . . . . [14 (g)]

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.24 and programme budget implications contained in E/2012/L.31

The Vice-President (Mexico) orally revised the draft resolution.

The Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Vice-President (Mexico), the Council took note of the following documents under the item: E/2012/4, A/67/61–E/2012/3, E/2012/69, E/INCB/2011/1, E/2012/51, E/2012/51/Corr.1 and A/67/41.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 14.

49th meeting

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits [6]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 [8]

The Council resumed its consideration of agenda items 6 and 8.

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.32

The Council had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), under the agenda items, on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Bangladesh.

A statement was made by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico).

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.26

The Council had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), under sub-item 6 (a), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Vice-President of the Council (Mexico) made an oral correction to the draft resolution.

The Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption, a statement was made by the observer for Algeria on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), the Council decided to take note of documents A/67/86–E/2012/71 and E/2012/33 (Supp. No. 13).

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 6 and 8.

Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.25

The Council had before it a draft resolution E/2012/L.25, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Action on draft decision E/2012/L.19

The Council had before it a draft decision E/2012/L.19, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft resolutions E/2012/L.20 and E/2012/L.30

The Council had before it a draft resolution E/2012/L.30, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Mexico), on the basis of informal consultations on E/2012/L.20.

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted draft resolution E/2012/L.30.

In light of the adoption of the draft resolution, draft resolution E/2012/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

A statement was made by the observer for Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Elections postponed from previous sessions:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected Chile, Costa Rica, Oman and Switzerland, by acclamation, to fill outstanding vacancies on the Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected Jamaica, by acclamation, to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of three members from African States, three members from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

Casual vacancy:

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected Ms. Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal), by acclamation, for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2014 to replace Mr. Eibe Riedel (Germany), who had resigned his seat.

Nomination postponed from previous session:

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated France for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council decided to further postpone the nomination of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015; and four members from Western European and Other States beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2014.

Appointment:

Committee for Development Policy

The Council approved the appointment by the Secretary-General of the 24 experts listed in document E/2012/9/Add.14 to serve on the Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the outstanding vacancies in its subsidiary bodies for this session.

System-wide coherence: Linkages between the Commission on the Status of Women and the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

The President made a statement and informed the Council of the appointment of Mr. Fernando Fernández-Arias (Spain) and Ms. Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines) as co-facilitators of the informal consultations on this issue.

Closure of the session

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The President made concluding remarks and declared closed the 2012 substantive session of the Council.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 47th meeting of the Economic and Social Council (see *Journal* No. 2012/144, page 14): The first paragraph under "Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.16" *should read* as follows:

Action on draft resolution E/2012/L.16

The representative of Canada announced that Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Peru, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden and Trinidad and Tobago had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Friday, 27 July 2012

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3151st meeting

Formation and evidence of customary international law

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's note on the topic (A/CN.4/653).

The Most-Favoured-Nation clause . . . . . [7]

The Chair of the Study Group on the topic "Most-Favoured-Nation clause", Mr. Donald M. McRae, presented an oral report on the topic of which the Commission took note.

Provisional application of treaties

The Special Rapporteur on the topic "Provisional application of treaties", Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez-Robledo, made a statement on the outcome of the informal consultations on the topic. The Commission decided to request the Secretariat to prepare a study related to the topic.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. New York, 19 December 2011

Signature: Cyprus (27 July 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *July 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Botswana
H.E. Mr. Charles Thembani Ntwaagae

Asia-Pacific States:
Timor-Leste
H.E. Mrs. Sofia Mesquita Borges

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Ms. Mirsada Čolaković

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau

Western European and other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Peter Wittig

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